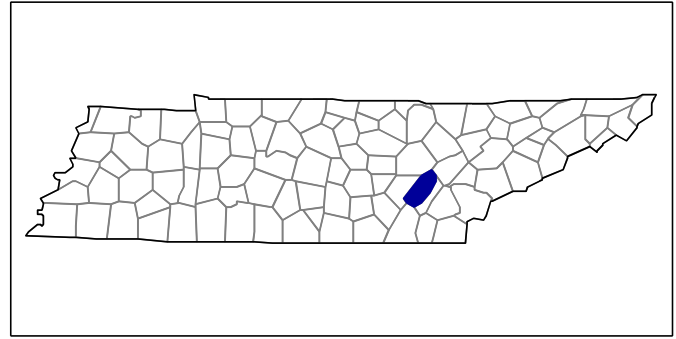




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Number of farms

455 farms in 2002, 487 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

60,762 acres in 2002, 62,127 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

134 acres in 2002, 128 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,809,000 in 2002, \$7,948,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,902,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,907,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

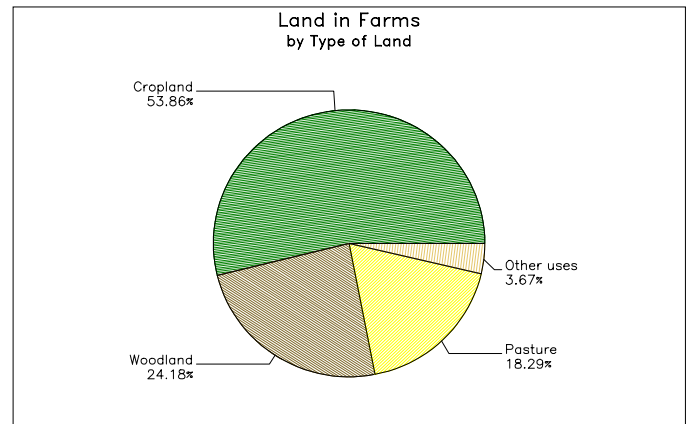
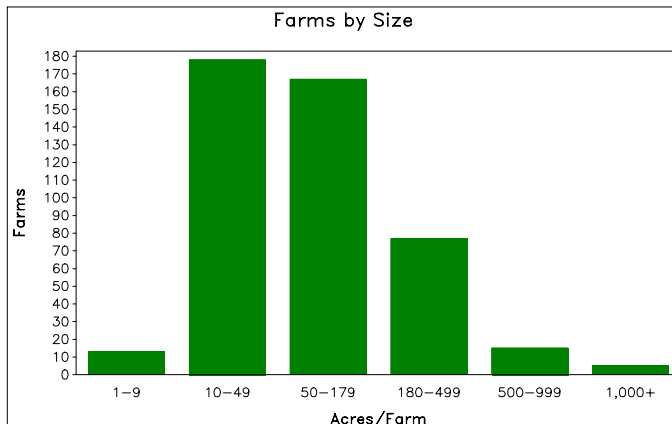
\$39,140 in 2002, \$16,321 in 1997, up 140 percent.

Government Payments

\$242,000 in 2002, \$161,000 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,376 in 2002, \$2,362 in 1997, up 128 percent.



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Ranked items among the 95 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	17,809	51	95	2,181	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,902	37	95	1,814	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,907	39	95	1,893	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	404	55	94	2,051	2,871
Tobacco	77	62	69	410	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,220	3	92	263	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	677	23	95	1,620	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,689	19	95	1,091	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	51	94	1,953	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	69	83	94	2,115	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	82	89	2,517	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	12	94	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	13,260	61	95	1,835	3,059
Quail	(D)	13	52	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	651	74	95	1,840	3,065
Sheep and lambs	470	13	93	1,494	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,190	50	95	1,360	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,427	4	90	350	2,710
Soybeans	(D)	56	81	(D)	2,076
Tomatoes	600	2	65	52	2,209
Corn for silage	564	38	82	1,371	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	141	Farming	222
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81	Other	233
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	407
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	48
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	621
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,884	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	19,482	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,516	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	14,289	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.